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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST

IN A SENATE FLOOR SPEECH YESTERDAY, SENATOR KENNEDY CALLED FOR THE U.S. TO SEEK A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN INSTEAD OF A "THRESHOLD" BAN THAT WOULD LIMIT THE SIZE AND NUMBER OF UNDERGROUND ATOMIC TESTS. (A-3)

MICHAEL GETLER COVERS THE RELEASE OF A REPORT BY THE PROJECT ON BUDGET PRIORITIES WHICH URGES CONGRESS TO CUT THE DEFENSE BUDGET BY \$11 BILLION. THE 21-MAN GROUP IS HEADED BY FORMER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE PAUL WARNKE. (A-3)

DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN PAUL HARE TOLD NEWSMEN YESTERDAY THAT THE PHRASE "AN INTERNAL SYRIAN MATTER" USED IN LETTERS CONCERNING SYRIAN JEWS WAS AN "UNFORTUNATE PHRASE" AND THAT "IT DOES NOT REPRESENT STATE DEPARTMENT POLICY." (A-10)

H.D.S. GREENWAY WRITES FROM HONG KONG SPECULATION OVER CHOU EN-LAI'S PHYSICAL AND POLITICAL HEALTH CONTINUES TO GROW. GREENWAY PICKS UP ON A RECENT JAMES RESTON ARTICLE THAT SAID THAT VICE PREMIER TENG'S VISIT TO THE UN WAS MAINLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEEING YOU, AND THAT MESSAGES FROM MAO TO WASHINGTON COME THROUGH "DIFFERENT ENVOYS" AND NO LONGER JUST THROUGH CHOU. GREENWAY COMMENTS THAT ALTHOUGH CHOU MAY FEEL THE NEED

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TO INVOLVE OTHERS IN THE RUNNING OF THE COUNTRY, HE DOES NOT WANT TO BE OVEREXPOSED AND OUT IN FRONT WHEN DIFFICULT TIMES COME. (A-15)

JIM HOAGLAND REPORTS FROM BEIRUT THAT A PUBLIC OUTBURST AIMED AT SADAT BY QADHAFI ON SUNDAY APPEARS TO HAVE SCUTTLED ANY PROGRESS MADE BY PRIME MINISTER JALLOUD TO EASE TENSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO LEADERS. IT IS REPORTED THAT QADHAFI HAS SENT TWO PERSONAL MESSAGES TO ASAD SINCE YOU STARTED YOUR TRIP. (A-21)

MARILYN BERGER REPORTS THAT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT TOLD YOU THAT IT WOULD MAKE NO FURTHER SIGNIFICANT TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS TO SYRIA TO GET A DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT ON THE GOLAN FRONT. HOWEVER, BOTH AMERICAN AND ISRAELI OFFICIALS REMAIN HOPEFUL THAT A DISENGAGEMENT ACCORD STILL CAN BE WORKED OUT THIS WEEK. A SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL VEHEMENTLY DENIED THAT THE SYRIANS COULD USE WATERGATE AS A TOOL IN NEGOTIATIONS. (A-21)

THE LEAD POST EDITORIAL SAYS THE AMERICAN ROLL IN THE CURRENT MIDEAST TALKS IS CRITICAL IN A POSITIVE SENSE, JUST AS THE SOVIET ROLE IS IN A NEGATIVE SENSE. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHAT PRICE GROMYKO MAY HAVE DEMANDED FOR ALLOWING YOU TO MAKE A SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT ACCORD. MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT A FINAL MIDEAST PEACE AGREEMENT WILL HAVE TO BE ANSWERED AT THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE. (A-22)

VICTOR ZORZA CONTENDS THAT DURING THE CURRENT DEBATES IN CHINA OVER THE ACQUIRING OF WESTERN TECHNOLOGY, THE CHINESE WERE FACED WITH TWO CHOICES. THE TIME HAS COME WHEN THEY MUST MAKE A DECISION EITHER TO ALLY WITH THE U.S. AND RELY ON US FOR ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SUPPORT AGAINST THE SOVIETS OR TO MODERATE THE DISPUTE WITH RUSSIA TO KEEP CHINA OUT OF THE AMERICAN CLUTCHES. (A-22)

MAXINE CHESHIRE WRITES THAT MRS. NIXON -- ON THE ADVICE OF MR. BUZHARDT -- HAS QUIETLY REMOVED A NUMBER OF JEWELS FROM THE RESIDENCE TO THE GIFT UNIT. THE GEMS IN QUESTION WERE FROM KING FAISAL AND TWO OF HIS HALF-BROTHERS. (C-1)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

TERENCE SMITH REPORTS YOUR MEDIATION EFFORTS HAVE REDUCED ISRAELI AND SYRIAN DIFFERENCES TO A FEW KILOMETERS. HOWEVER, THE NEXT DAY OR TWO IS CONSIDERED CRUCIAL TO WHETHER A COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT CAN BE ACHIEVED. IF SUCCESS IS NOT IMMINENT, TALKS ARE EXPECTED TO BE SUSPENDED FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS OR CONTINUED AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL. UNDERSTANDINGS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN REACHED ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DEMILITARIZED ZONES,

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UN SUPERVISION, AND CREATION OF LIMITED-FORCE ZONES. (A-1)

SEYMOUR HERSH QUOTES HIGHLY RELIABLE SOURCES THAT THE PRESIDENT SENT A LETTER TO A FEDERAL JUDGE TWO WEEKS AGO DECLARING THE WHITE HOUSE PLUMBERS UNIT WAS OPERATING UNDER A GENERAL DELEGATION OF HIS AUTHORITY AT THE TIME OF THE ELLSBERG BREAKIN. THE LETTER COULD PROVE SIGNIFICANT IN PENDING TRIALS BECAUSE THE BURDEN OF PROOF IS ON THE PROSECUTOR TO SHOW THAT THE INTENT OF THE DEFENDANTS WAS TO COMMIT A CRIME. (A-1)

BERNARD GWERTZMAN COVERS THE NEWSMEN'S TOUR OF THE ISRAELI-HELD GOLAN HEIGHTS. THE ISRAELIS WANT TO RETAIN THE HILLS OVERLOOKING EL KUNEITRA. (A-2)

BERNARD WEINTRAUB CONTENDS BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE RAILWAY WORKERS HAVE OVERPLAYED THEIR HANDS IN INDIA. AS THE IMPACT OF THE STRIKE GROWS, MRS. GANDHI FACES A MAJOR THREAT BECAUSE LEFT-WING SUPPORTERS DO NOT AGREE WITH HER HARD LINE. (A-4)

CHRISTOPHER WREN WRITES ON THE MEETINGS BETWEEN BREZHNEV, KOSYGIN, AND EAST GERMAN PREMIER TINDEMANN. TALKS WERE THOUGHT TO FOCUS ON BRANDT'S RESIGNATION AND THE SPY SCANDAL BUT ECONOMIC ISSUES WERE APPARENTLY ALSO DISCUSSED. (A-9)

JOHN FINNEY REPORTS ADMIRAL ZUMWALT'S CONTENTION THAT THE U.S. HAS LOST TO THE SOVIETS ITS ABILITY TO CONTROL THE WORLD SEA LANES. A REVERSAL IS ONLY POSSIBLE IF CONGRESS APPROPRIATES THE FUNDS FOR A MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM HE INSTITUTED. (A-24)

AN EDITORIAL SUPPORTS SENATOR HUMPHREY'S PLAN FOR ACTION ON FOOD AID THAT ELABORATED ON PROMISES YOU HAD ALREADY MADE AT THE UN. (A-34)

THE BALTIMORE SUN

ACCORDING TO A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL, ISRAEL AND SYRIA HAVE MOVED CLOSER TO A TROOP DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT ALONG THE GOLAN HEIGHTS FRONT. (A-1)

HONEYWELL-BULL AND ITT FRANCE ARE AMONG THE NINE "MOST WANTED" ON THE NATIONALIZATION LIST OF FRANCOIS MITTERRAND. (A-2)

HAROLD WILSON TOLD A STARTLED HOUSE OF COMMONS THAT SECURITY FORCES IN NORTHERN IRELAND HAVE UNCOVERED DOCUMENTS INDICATING PLANS FOR A SEIZURE OF LARGE AREAS OF BELFAST BY TERRORISTS. (A-2)

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